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The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

It is my understanding that the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) is reviewing Qwest's application to enter the long distance market in Colorado. I am writing in support of this application because it will benefit citizens of Colorado.

I understand that consumers in some other states where the FCC has approved increased long distance competition are experiencing the benefits and lower prices from the entry of their state's local phone company. I hope that Colorado's consumers will soon be able to enjoy the same positive benefits when Qwest is allowed to compete for long distance services.

I commend the collaborative efforts and extensive testing that have led to this application. I understand that the Colorado Public Service Commission has brought together all of the companies in this state to resolve problems, and worked with 12 other states to oversee extensive testing of the competitive environment. The Commission's endorsement of this application demonstrates its confidence that Qwest has opened its markets to local competition and has satisfied the requirements of section 271, and that this is in the best interest of the state and its citizens.

Colorado has long been recognized as a leader in telecommunications, and I believe its leadership in this area will continue. Your favorable and timely consideration of Qwest's application to provide long distance service to the people of Colorado will support this future by ensuring that my constituents have true competition in the marketplace.

Sincerely,

Mark Udall

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